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ATTN: KAREN L WEIS

FROM: 59 MDW/SGVU

SUBJECT: Professional Presentation Approval

1. Your paper, entitled Pregnancy in the Military: Importance of Psychosocial Health to Birth Outcomes presented at/published to Scientific Panel, 2016 Military Women's Health Research Conference, USUHS, Bethesda, MD 25 April -27 April 2016 with MDWI 41-108, and has been assigned local file #16180.
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LINDA STEEL-GOODWIN, Col, USAF, BSC  
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## PRENATAL PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH AND BIRTH OUTCOMES IN A MILITARY POPULATION

Keywords: Prenatal Maternal Anxiety, Early Gestational Age, Infant Birth Weight, Military

**Background:** Maternal psychological health has received increased attention because of the connection of prenatal anxiety to higher rates of spontaneous abortion (Nakano et al., 2004), preterm birth (Roy-Matton, Moutqui,, Brown, Carrier, & Bell, 2011), and low infant birthweight (Rondo et al., 2003). Prenatal depression has been linked to higher incidences of preterm birth (Dayan et al., 2006), decreased maternal attachment and sensitivity (Siddiqui & Hagglof, 2000), and cognitive delays in childhood (Pearson et al., 2013). Studies within the military community are limited. **Purpose:** Describe findings across a program of research dedicated to prenatal maternal psychosocial health to birth outcomes for a military population. **Methods:** Longitudinal design of repeated measures using the Social Support Index (SSI), the Lederman Prenatal Self-Evaluation Questionnaire (PSEQ), Edinburgh Prenatal Depression Scale (EPDS) and FACES II were provided to the participants in each trimester of pregnancy (across multiple studies). Subjects were various samples, one of 421 women from San Antonio area military health system and another of 300 women of mixed parity, all military beneficiaries, either active duty or dependant wives receiving prenatal care at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center. **Findings:** Hierarchical linear regression models were used to assess the anxiety experienced prenatally on infant birth weight and early gestational age. Anxiety related to Acceptance of Pregnancy ( $\beta = -0.15; p \leq 0.001$ ), Identification of the Motherhood Role, Preparation for Labor ( $\beta = 0.20; p \leq 0.001$ ), Well-Being of Self and Infant ( $\beta = -0.12; p \leq 0.001$ ) were predictive of early gestational age. Anxiety related Helpless and Loss of Control ( $\beta = 0.07; p \leq 0.01$ ) and Preparation for Labor ( $\beta = -0.05; p \leq 0.05$ ) were predictive of low infant birthweight. These findings together with others formed the development of the Mentors Offering Maternal Support (M-O-M-S) program. **Discussion:** The findings provide convincing evidence that similar to civilian populations, military women experience prenatal anxiety that does effect birth outcomes. The findings indicate a need for early prenatal intervention designed for a military population.

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\*\*This correction letter replaces the approval letter dated 6 Feb 12\*\*

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24 Feb 12

**FINAL IRB APPROVAL (FULL BOARD - MINIMAL RISK)**

**Approval Date:** 22 Nov 11

**Principal Investigator:** Col Karen Weis / SGN

**IRB Reference Number:** FWH20120012H

**Assurance Number:** FWA00001750 (Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center)

**Protocol Title:** "Mentors Offering Maternal Support (M.O.M.S.): Building Resilient Families"

1. Your study, referenced above, is approved for one year as a MINIMAL RISK study by the Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center's Institutional Review Board (WHASC IRB). Additional items reviewed and approved by the WHASC IRB include:

PI Attachment 1 - Centering Pregnancy program overview  
PI Attachment 2 - M O.M.S. Mentor Training Agenda  
PI Attachment 3 – "Birth of a Mother" Guide  
PI Attachment 4.1. Demographic Questions for M.O.M.S.  
PI Attachment 4.2. Demographic Questions for Husband  
PI Attachment 5 - Welcome Letter to M.O.M.S. (script)  
PI Attachment 6.1. Handout for M.O.M.S Participants  
PI Attachment 6.2. Handout for Husbands of M.O.M.S.  
PI Attachment 7.1. M.O.M.S. participant ICD  
PI Attachment 7.2. Husband participant ICD  
PI Attachment 8.1. Prenatal Self-Evaluation Questionnaire II (PSEQ) Instrument  
PI Attachment 8.2. Maternal Antenatal Scale (MAAS) Instrument  
PI Attachment 8.3. Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale Instrument  
PI Attachment 8.4. Family Adaptability and Cohesion Evaluation Scales II (FACES) Instrument  
PI Attachment 8.5. COPE Instrument  
PI Attachment 8.6. Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) Instrument  
PI Attachment 9 - High Risk Screening Tool  
PI Attachment 10 - Semi Structured Interview Questions for Husbands  
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2. Your study will be reviewed in 11 months for continuing review, based on its approval date, not to exceed 365 days. It is the WHASC IRB's decision that this study will be terminated as of 21 Nov 12, unless you submit a continuing review report, using the template provided by the Protocol Office. Your first progress report, which is a request for continuation of the study, will be due to the Protocol Office no later than 1 Oct 12. A continuing review report will be due every 11 months thereafter, in order for the WHASC IRB to approve continuance of the study for another year. Upon completion of your study you must submit a final closeout report to the WHASC Protocol Office.

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4. Only investigators listed below are approved to participate in the study (e.g., obtain consent and to interact with and/or collect identifiable information on research subjects):

- Col Karen L Weis, PI
- Lt Col Candy Wilson, AI
- Lt Col Brenda Morgan, AI
- Lt Col Regina Paden, AI
- Lt Col Nicole Armitage, AI
- Candice Hamel, Research Assistant / Coordinator

These are the only investigators identified by the WHASC IRB to have completed "IRB approved" investigator training. Any additions to this list must first be approved by the IRB by submitting an amendment, along with a copy of the investigator's training certificate.

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# Prenatal Psychosocial Health and Birth Outcomes in a Military Population

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# Introduction

- Prenatal maternal anxiety is predictive of:
  - Early gestational age (EGA)
  - Lower birth weights (LBW)
  - Higher rates of childhood illness
  - Physical and cognitive developmental delays
- Prenatal depression is linked to LBW, EGA and poor maternal attachment



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# Military Findings

- Followed 501 military women thru pregnancy
- Prenatal maternal anxiety was predictive of:
  - Early gestational age
  - Lower birth weights
  - Poor maternal-infant attachment
  - Lower maternal role satisfaction



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# Pregnancy-Specific Anxiety

Acceptance of Pregnancy ( $p<.001$ )

Identification with Motherhood ( $p<.001$ )

Preparation for Labor ( $p<.01$ )

Well-Being of Self and Infant ( $p<.001$ )

Early  
Gestational  
Age

Low  
Birth  
Weight

Preparation for Labor ( $p<.05$ )

Fears of Helplessness ( $p<.01$ )

# Differences in AD/non-AD

Statistically significant differences for:

- Acceptance of pregnancy ( $p=.03; p=.01$ )<sub>1,3</sub>
- Preparation for labor ( $p=.04$ )<sub>1</sub>
- Relationship with husband ( $p=.04; .02; .01$ )<sub>1,2,3</sub>

Anxiety greatest in AD and highest in the sample of AD Army women

# Planned vs Unplanned Pregnancy

| Status                        | Planned | Unplanned |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Active Duty (n=96)</b>     | 46.9%   | 53.1%     |
| <b>NonActive Duty (n=149)</b> | 65.1%   | 34.9%     |

**Significantly higher anxiety for unplanned pregnancies:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> trimester, Acceptance,  $F(1, 231) = 22.86, p = .000$
- 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester, Acceptance,  $F(1, 231) = 12.64, p = .000$
- 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester, Acceptance,  $F(1, 231) = 7.32, p = .007$

# Postpartum Depression Statistics

Military Surveillance data (Do et al., 2013):

- 8.2% of service women diagnosed with PPD
- AD service women had increase in diagnosis for each year of study
- Highest rates in Army (12%) and lowest in Air Force (7.3%)
- Reports indicate higher rates for PPD in military than in civilian population



# Prenatal Depression

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester | N   | Mean | SD   | Min  | Max   |
|---------------------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|
| NonAD                     | 147 | 4.25 | 3.87 | .00  | 17.00 |
| Air Force                 | 67  | 3.99 | 3.91 | .00  | 21.00 |
| Army                      | 24  | 8.25 | 5.47 | 1.00 | 24.00 |
| Navy                      | 2   | 7.00 | 5.66 | 3.00 | 11.00 |
| Marine                    | 2   | 5.50 | 3.54 | .00  | 24.00 |

Note: Depression measured with EPDS

10 items with 0-3; higher scores indicating > depression

Depression significant factor for increased anxiety  
for acceptance of pregnancy, well-being in pregnancy &  
relationship with husband

# Issues Unique to Military (Prenatal Anxiety & Depression)

- Service before self
  - Attitude present in family as well as service member
  - Sacrifice everything for the mission
- Profound pressure to support spouse
  - Spouse very involved in work; hesitant to ask for help
- AD women – concerns for ramifications of pregnancy on career

# Psychosocial Health in Pregnancy

- Anxiety related to pregnancy-specific factors and/or depression do not decrease without intervention
- Military has 1.16 million medical encounters/yr for pregnancy complications -- #3 being “other threatened labor” & #5 “threatened premature labor”



# Ongoing Work

- Testing effectiveness of Mentors Offering Maternal Support intervention
- Psychosocial health and placental effects being assessed with biomarkers
- Effectiveness of interventions on birth outcomes and long-term benefits requires longitudinal studies of large numbers

